



# Minutes Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting

November 7-8, 2014

Natural Resource Building – 1111 Washington Street SE Olympia WA 98501  
First Floor Room 172

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## November 7-8, 2014 Regular Meeting

### Commission:

Miranda Wecker, Chair  
Brad Smith, Vice Chair  
Conrad Mahnken  
Jay Kehne  
Jay Holzmilller  
Bob Kehoe

### Commission Staff:

Tami Lininger

### Attendance

#### Department Staff:

Phil Anderson, Director  
Joe Stohr, Deputy Director  
William Frymire, AGO  
Nate Pamplin  
Julie Sandberg  
Clay Sprague  
Jeff Burnham  
Jeff Davis  
Randi Thurston

Steve Thiesfeld  
Ron Warren

### Public:

Dennis Karras	Marissa Karras	James Franklin	Bruce McCloskey
Melissa McFadden	Loretta Swanson	Ann Weckback	Linda Saunders
Dr. Steven Herman	Rosendo Guerrero	William Willette	Ed Levesque
Rob Kavanaugh	Cindy Alia	Harley Edwards	Bill Hebner
Shawn Yanity	Gino Alia	Dennis Gregory	Doug Couvelter
Patty Carter	Georgia Prossick	Robert Cunningham	Bill Thomas
Bruce Beatty	Shawn Cantrell	Karen Terwilleger	Gary Johnson
Dave Hamilton	Tim Hamilton	Ron Schweitzer	Brian Kramer
Dave Knutzen	Bob Lake	Ross Barkhurst	Mike Scharpf
Dale Scott	Ray Gilbertson	James Caron	Joe Koski
Art Holman	Francis Estalilla	Chad Herring	Heath Heikkila
Marlisa Williams	Scott Sigmon		
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## Friday, November 7, 2014

Chair Wecker called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

### 1. Call to Order

#### a. Commissioners' Discussion:

- Commissioner Smith – ADA Committee Meeting
- Commissioner Kehne – Science Panel on wolves and the Range Rider Rendezvous

#### b. Meeting Minute Approval

- October 17, 2014 – conference call

**Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Mahnken to approve the minutes from the October 17, 2014 conference call as presented. Motion passed.**

## **2. Open Public Input**

The following people provided input on various topics:

William Willette – HPA Rules	Rob Kavanaugh – Grazing
Cindy Alia – HPA Rules	Georgia Prossick – Clarks Creek Restoration
Patty Carter – Puyallup Hatchery	Robert Cunningham – HPA Rules
William Thomas – HPA Rules	Bruce Beatty – HPA Rules
James Franklin – HPA Rules	Melissa McFadden – HPA Rules

## **3. Director's Report**

The Director and Deputy Director briefed the Commission on the following items:

- Pacific Salmon Commission
- Commercial License Fees
- Puget Sound Nearshore Ecological System Restoration
- Tribal Hunting
- Catch Accounting – Puget Sound
- Skagit Valley Elk
- Wolf Management Update
  - Outreach Meetings
  - Science Panel at UW
  - WAG Recruitment
  - Range Rider Rendezvous
- Forest Protection Association Meeting
- Upcoming Meetings
  - PFMC
  - Tribal re: Coastal Crab
  - United Catcher Boats (Whiting)
  - Legislative
  - Bonneville Power
  - Asotin County Lands Committee

## **4. Proposed Land Transactions – Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision**

The Commission considered approval of two land transactions recommended by Julie Sandberg for the protection of critical fish and wildlife habitat, enhancement of public recreation opportunities. Chairman, Shawn Yanity of the Stillaquamish Tribe provided comments on the Fortson Pond transaction.

No one signed up to provide testimony:

**Commissioner Smith moved to approve the land transactions as presented and it was seconded by Commissioner Kehoe. All in favor - motion passed**

### **5. Grazing Program Update – Briefing**

Clay Sprague, Lands Division Manager and Jeff Burnham, Range Ecologist briefed the Commission on the department's grazing program and the results of a recent study conducted by Washington State University regarding grazing on department lands.

### **6. Coastal Commercial Dungeness Crab Rules – Briefing**

Heather Reed, Coastal Marine Policy Coordinator and Mike Cenci, Deputy Chief, Enforcement briefed the Commission on revisions to coastal commercial Dungeness crab rules that are needed to improve the intent and enforceability of rules for issuing replacement buoy tags and submitting coastal Dungeness crab logbooks. New provisions are needed to implement gear retrieval requirements to improve enforceability and minimize derelict crab gear. Changes to the pre-season gear set period were also proposed based on recommendations from the Tri-State Dungeness Crab Committee.

### **7. HPA Rules Update - Briefing and Decision**

Jeff Davis, Assistant Director and Randi Thurston, Protection Division Manager, Habitat Program provided a briefing on the recommended adjustments to the CR-102 rules and requested repeal of Chapter 220-110 WAC and adoption of Chapter 220-660 WAC.

**Commissioner Smith moved to repeal Chapter 220-110 WAC and adopt Chapter 220-660 WAC as proposed with proposed changes. The department will implement adaptive management of the HPA Program to assess the success of the rule changes and make adjustments that will improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the program; seconded by Commissioner Mahnken. Motion passed 5 to 1.**

### **8. Director Recruitment Discussion – Briefing and Public Hearing**

Commissioners discussed the Director's recruitment announcement and the timeline.

The following person signed up to provide public input on this topic:  
Shawn Cantrell – Defenders of Wildlife

### **9. Executive Session**

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g), the Commission met in executive session to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. No action was taken in executive session.

Chair Wecker recessed the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

### **Saturday, November 8, 2014**

Chair Wecker called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

### **10. Open Public Input**

The following people signed up to provide public input on various items:

Bob Mulhauser – Seven gill shark

Bob Lake – Hatchery surpluses

### **11. Willapa Bay Salmon Management Policy – Briefing and Public Hearing**

Steve Thiesfeld, Region 6 Fish Program Manager briefed the Commission on Willapa Bay Salmon Management challenges, described the public process, and asked for guidance on draft policy sideboards. The Fish Committee Chair provided the following input after the public input was received.

1. Prioritize Chinook for the recreational fishers and coho and chum for the commercial fishers.
2. Separate fisheries focusing commercial in the south and recreational fisheries in the north
3. Reverse existing NOS primary stream designations to: Chinook in the Willapa River and Chum/Coho in the Naselle River.
4. In south Willapa Bay, increase chum production through use of RSIs, egg boxes, and sea ranching approaches including those used in Alaska and Japan
5. Fish Committee to meet with Department staff to discuss the range of options presented to the advisors prior to meeting with constituents.

The following people signed up to provide public input:

Dave Hamilton	Gary Johnson	Tim Hamilton
Art Holman	Brian Kraemer	Bob Lake
Francis Estalilla	Marlisa Dugan	Ross Barkhurst

### **12. Open Public Meeting Act - Briefing**

Bill Frymire, Assistant Attorney General provided training on open public meeting requirements.

### **13. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief**

- The full commission will interview and make decisions on the Director's recruitment.
- The Director reminded the Commissioners that any work requests to staff should come through him.

Chair Wecker adjourned the meeting at 11:17 a.m.

These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

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Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant